

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Previously Presented): A plug (10) for sealing holes in a vehicle body, comprising a central closure section (12) and an engaging section (14) arranged on the rim and provided for receiving portions of the vehicle body, the closure section (12) being formed so as to have a hollow cylindrical shape with a closed axial end (16) and an open axial end (18), the engaging section (14) being positioned entirely between the closed end (16) and the open end (18), the closure section (12) and the engaging section (14) being made of a plastics material and the plastics material of the engaging section (14) being softer than the plastics material of the closure section (12), and the plastics material of the engaging section (14) being adapted to be softened by heating such that a tight connection is produced between the engaging section (14) and the portions of the vehicle body that are received by it, the engaging section having a surrounding sealing lip (30), which forms a latching connection with an edge of the hole in the vehicle body, and a further sealing lip (34), which engages the opposite side of the edge of the hole in the vehicle body, characterized in that the engaging section (14) is inserted in a deepening (20) on the rim side of the closure section (12).

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): The plug according to claim 1, wherein the closure section (12) and the engaging section (14) are connected with each other by an interlocking fit.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): The plug according to claim 1, wherein the closure section (12) and the engaging section (14) are bonded to each other by gluing.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): The plug according to claim 1, wherein the softening of the engaging section (14) is performed at a temperature of between 150 and 200 °C.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The plug according to claim 1, wherein the closure section (12) presses the engaging section (14) against the vehicle body portions in a resilient and elastic fashion.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The plug according to claim 1, wherein the closure section (12) is formed so as to have a hollow cylindrical shape with a closed end (16) and an open end (18), the open end (18) being ~~is~~ bent outwards toward the closed end (16), forming the deepening (20) on the rim side.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): The plug according to claim 6, wherein the hollow cylindrical closure section (12) has a surrounding recess (24) on its outer

surface, the engaging section (14) engaging in the recess (24) to form an interlocking fit.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): A plug (10) for sealing holes in a vehicle body, comprising a central closure section (12) and an engaging section (14) arranged on the rim and provided for receiving portions of the vehicle body, the closure section (12) and the engaging section (14) being made of a plastics material and the plastics material of the engaging section (14) being softer than the plastics material of the closure section (12), and the plastics material of the engaging section (14) being adapted to be softened by heating such that a tight connection is produced between the engaging section (14) and the portions of the vehicle body that are received by it, the engaging section having a surrounding sealing lip (30), which forms a latching connection with an edge of the hole in the vehicle body, and a further sealing lip (34), which engages the opposite side of the edge of the hole in the vehicle body, characterized in that the engaging section (14) is inserted in a deepening (20) on the rim side of the closure section (12), the closure section (12) being formed so as to have a hollow cylindrical shape with a closed axial end (16) and an open axial end (18), the open end (18) being bent outwards toward the closed end (16), forming the deepening (20) on the rim side, the engaging section (14) being positioned entirely between the closed end (16) and the open end (18) of the closure section (12), wherein the engaging section (14) has two side surfaces (28, 32) located opposite each other, the first side surface (28) lying against the

outer surface of the hollow cylindrical closure section (12) and the second, opposite side surface (32) reaching beyond the rim of the closure section (12).

Claims 9-10 (Canceled)

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): The plug according to claim 1, wherein the deepening (20) has a U-shaped cross-section, the engaging section (14) engaging only the deepening (20) of the closure section (12).

Claim 12 (Canceled)

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): The plug according to claim 1, wherein ~~the closure section (12) has a closed end (16) and an open end (18),~~ the open end (18) ~~being~~ is free of the engaging section (14) when the engaging section (14) is inserted into the deepening (20).

Claim 14 (New): The plug according to claim 1, wherein the sealing lip (30) extends radially outward.

Claim 15 (New): The plug according to claim 1, wherein the engaging section has a U-shaped cross section.

Claim 16 (New): The plug according to claim 1, wherein the hole extends through oppositely facing first and second surfaces of the vehicle body, the surrounding sealing lip (30) engaging the first surface and the further sealing lip (34) engaging the second surface when the plug is connected with the vehicle body.

Claim 17 (New): The plug according to claim 1, wherein the surrounding sealing lip (30) is radially spaced from the further sealing lip (24).

Claim 18 (New): The plug according to claim 1, wherein the surround sealing lip (30) is axially spaced from the further sealing lip (24) when the plug is connected with the vehicle body.

Claim 19 (New): The plug according to claim 8, wherein the sealing lip (30) extends radially outward.

Claim 20 (New): The plug according to claim 8, wherein the engaging section has a U-shaped cross section.

Claim 21 (New): The plug according to claim 8, wherein the hole extends through oppositely facing first and second surfaces of the vehicle body, the surrounding sealing lip (30) engaging the first surface and the further sealing lip (34) engaging the second surface when the plug is connected with the vehicle body.

Claim 22 (New): The plug according to claim 8, wherein the surrounding sealing lip (30) is radially spaced from the further sealing lip (24).

Claim 23 (New): The plug according to claim 8, wherein the surround sealing lip (30) is axially spaced from the further sealing lip (24) when the plug is connected with the vehicle body.